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3 **REMARKS**  
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56 The Examiner's thoughtful attention to this application is sincerely  
7 appreciated.  
89 **The Invention**  
1011 Applicant provides a replacement handle for a wire bucket handle. The  
12 replacement handle includes  
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15 1. First and second **identical** pieces 10, 11.  
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17 2. Tabs 23A and 25A formed on each piece.  
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19 3. Notches 16, 18 that are formed in each piece 10, 11 and  
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22 a. Extend **completely through** each piece. Having each notch extend  
23 completely through the handle is important to simplify and make  
24 practical manufacture of the invention.  
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26 b. Are shaped and dimensioned such that tabs 23A, 25A **snap** into the  
27 notches.  
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2       c.    Are shaped and dimensioned to be mounted on the central section of  
3                   the wire member of a bucket by

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6               (i)    rotating the first piece **one-hundred and eighty degrees** from  
7                   an initial orientation that is identical to that of said second  
8                   piece, and

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10              (ii)    snapping said first piece into said second piece in **fixed**  
11                   position by moving the first piece in a **direction of travel**  
12                   **normal to the central section** of the wire member such that  
13                   said first and second pieces are mounted on and circumscribe  
14                   the central section.

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17               The foregoing features are set forth in the new Claims 3 and 4.

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19               The Prior Art

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22               The prior art of record does not appear to disclose the features of the  
23               invention noted above.

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26               In contrast to the replacement handle of the invention, the bucket handles  
27               disclosed in the prior art references do not appear to include:

1. Openings that receive tabs and that extend **completely through** the handle;
2. Openings and tabs shaped such that the tabs **snap** into the openings;
3. Openings and tabs shaped to **snap** together when the replacement handle pieces are moved in a **direction of travel normal** to the central portion of the wire member on a bucket. The prior art two-piece handles appear to **slide** together when they are moved in a direction of travel **parallel** to the central portion of the wire member, (U.S. 2,319,147) or, appear to fit loosely together and require the use of a spring clip to hold the handles together (U.S. 775,662).

The replacement handle of the invention appears to simplify the process of securely mounting a replacement handle on the wire member of a bucket.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the invention as set forth in the amended Claims is not anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102 by the references of record.

## The Claims

Original Claims 1 and 2 are canceled. New Claims 3 and 4 incorporate the features of the invention discussed above.

If the Examiner finds merit in the foregoing remarks and amendments, it is believed the application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

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